

# Three Sheets in the Wind

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## Commodore's Report

**Lara Arambula**



### Ahoy Little Shippers:

March was a great month filled with community, generosity, and time on the water. Here's a look at all the events we enjoyed and an exciting preview of what's to come!

Our March **Birthday/Potluck/Happy Hour** was once again a great success! Thank you to everyone who brought a dish and joined in the festivities. (see photos p. 5). It's always nice to celebrate together, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in May. In lieu of an April Birthday/Potluck/Happy Hour we hope to see you at our Opening Day instead! More info on this below.

Another highlight of the month was our **Ronald McDonald House** Volunteer event! Please see Vice Commodore, Dominic's newsletter piece on the details of this wonderful day.

Last but not least, the **Pancake Breakfast** hosted by Junior Staff Commodore **Chris Lane and Ginger**, was another great event. The *Bad Hombres* Biking Group joined in, adding to the lively and festive atmosphere. With stacks of pancakes, sizzling bacon, and good company, it was a perfect way to start the day and raise funds for our racing program. See photos p. 6

### Looking Ahead: Opening Day – April 19 at 11 AM

The biggest event of the year is almost here! **LSFYC Opening Day** will take place on **Saturday, April 19, starting at 11 AM at the shed**. This is a day you won't want to miss as we officially kick off the boating season. We encourage all members to come celebrate at Opening Day. Don't worry—our **Birthday Potluck Happy Hour will resume in May!**

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has reached out to help with setting up for this special day. Your support is truly appreciated! We could still use a few donated appetizers to fill our tables during the registration hour. Let me know if you would like to help out with this. Once again, this year's **Opening Day** will feature a **cooked-to-order taco cart** and a **DJ**, so come hungry and ready to enjoy some great music, dancing and company with fellow members.

Lastly, March blessed us with great boating weather, and I was lucky enough to take advantage of it! I rented a Duffy boat a few times and took family and friends out for some relaxing time right here in our beautiful bay. There's nothing like spending time on the water this time of year, and I hope many of you are able to do the same, in one way or the other.

*"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air."-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Lara Arambula**  
**Commodore, LSFYC**



## Vice Commodore's Report

*Dominic Arcelin*



### Hello Little Shippers!

March saw the return of our club's philanthropic outreach with the Ronald McDonald House Charity here in Long Beach. Thanks to the generous donations from all of you, we were able to supply their pantry with dry goods and snacks. We also made a wonderful lunch for the families staying at the facility. I would like to extend a special thank you to those that signed up to help in person, Commodore **Lara Arambula**, Rear Commodore **Ruth Deraddo**, **Micheal Denzinger**, **Carolyn Queen** with her wonderful friends Pam Lundy and Wendy Smith, **Lara Franco**, Director **Elena Yuasa**, **Jill Cohen-Doron**, and last but not least **Liz Hurd**. Without them I would probably still be there trying to finish making lunch for everyone. See photos, p.7.

If you would like to get involved, or have an organization that you think the club should help out with, please let me know. Part of the club's objectives as stated in our bylaws is to promote *"good fellowship among LSFYC members and their families."* What better way to do so than to lend a helping hand in our community? If you didn't get a chance to participate last month, there will absolutely be events in the future you can volunteer for.

With the weather finally warming up, keep an eye out for more events down at The Shed! As always, I would love to hear from you if you have an idea for an event, or an activity you think the members will enjoy. Please reach out any time.

***Dominic Arcelin***  
*LSFYC Vice Commodore*



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

***Ruth De Raddo***



### **Hi LSFYC members!...**

March had a mind of its own when it came to the weather. It didn't seem to know whether it wanted to rain for a day or two, let alone show its cold side and blow in some wind for good measure.

### **Hello, April!**

**LSFYC 88<sup>th</sup> Opening Day is Saturday, April 19, 2025**

Opening Day is one of the biggest, most talked about events of the year. Invitations have been sent to you so don't miss this! Drawing almost all the Flags from our neighboring yacht clubs, this is the annual opportunity for the club to shine in the Marina. LSFYC members are invited to help in setting up the program as well as taking part in the festivities. Volunteer and food donations are needed (deviled eggs, fruit/cheese platters). Please reach out to Lara, to let her know what or how you can help. We are hoping for a gorgeous and beautiful sunny day, no wind. An advance thanks to all the volunteers who make up the backbone to the club. Cheers to a wonderful upcoming Opening Day!

### **Recap of March:**

**March Birthday & Potluck Party was a success.** Thanks to all that contributed to making these birthday specials.

**Ronald McDonald House Philanthropic Event:** What a rewarding opportunity to give back to our community. Thanks to Dominic and Liz for coming up with their recipes for Pasta Salad, Rice Krispies and sandwiches. Great turn out.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Yummy, can't go wrong with pancakes/bacon and eggs. It was a good turnout. Thanks to the Layne's. What a great way to raise funds to support our racing program. Welcome to our newest little member, baby Elijah, what a joy.

*"Friendship is not one big thing: it's a lot of little things"*

**Ruth De Raddo**

*LSFYC Rear Commodore*

## Membership Page



Membership Report, Bob Bond

I have the pleasure of being the LSFYC Membership Director this year. We will be sharing a brief introduction of new members to LSFYC as they join throughout the year. Please join me in welcoming our first 2 new members in 2025:



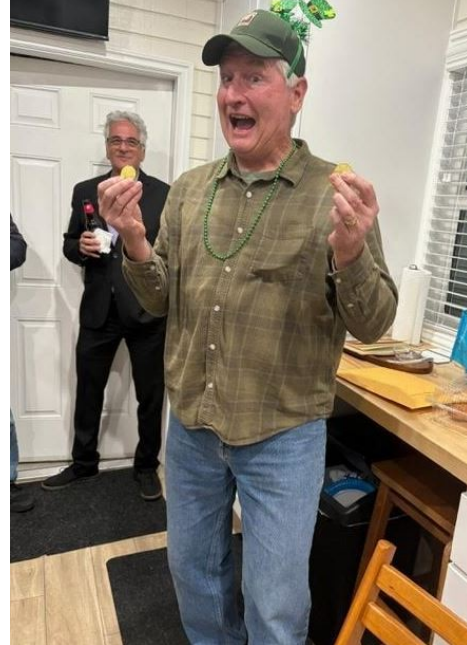
**Dave Cunningham** – Dave Cunningham is an Auburn University alumnus who moved to Long Beach to become a California native in 1982. Formerly an aerospace engineer working on the Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs, Dave currently works in cybersecurity, specializing in Ransomware recoveries. Outside of work, Dave is the keyboard player and a founding member of the aptly named Jazz Derelicts. He's also a private pilot, skydiving instructor with 1,600 jumps, an avid skier and cyclist, and occasionally rides with the Bad Hombres. Dave and his wife Shannon have two adult children, Claire and Jack. Reason I joined was due to Bob Bond's kind hospitality and sponsorship



**Rob Calnon** – Rob Calnon was born in the San Gabriel valley and moved to Orange County in the mid 90's before marrying his wife of 30 years, Laura. They have a son, Nick and daughter, Alyssa who both still reside in the Southern California area. Rob is a career Architect who manages his own firm working mostly in the commercial sector. When not working, Rob and Laura are avid RVer's who enjoy camping, particularly in the mountains, or near the lakes and rivers of the Pacific Northwest. I joined the club looking forward to meeting new people and sharing the camaraderie with my good friends and other members of the club



## Photos...March Potluck at the shed





## Photos-Pancake breakfast





## Photos– Ronald McDonald House





Meals provided by LSFYC to the Ronald Mc Donald House in Long Beach for families of children treated in the hospital.

# APRIL, 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 PASSOVER
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 LSFYC OPENING DAY!!
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





## **2025 LSFYC Bridge**

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***Port Captain : Vacant***

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